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-- 1961 FUND DRIVE BEGINS --

The Greater Lawndale Conservation Commission has again launched its annual fund drive. This year's goal is set for \$55,000.

Officially beginning at the prestige luncheon on January 27, the fund drive is to be conducted throughout February and March.

Wm. W. Busch, GLCC president, told representatives of business concerns attending the prestige luncheon that, "the team spirit of our fund raising committee should carry us through to our goal."

STIMULATES BUSINESS

Mr. Busch made this statement to stimulate businessmen to be proud of Lawdale, the area in which they do business.

The Commission is financed entirely by contributions from industry, small businesses and residential members. By these contributions, the nine-member staff can carry out the work of the Commission.

Mr. Busch called on the executive director of the Commission Julio Vivas, to exemplify the values of Lawdale and the Comm.

\$6 MILLION FOR SCHOOLS

Mr. Vivas elicited appreciation for Lawdale by acknowledging that approximately \$6 million has been spent on Lawndale schools during the past two years; that already this year, 1216 residents have been sufficiently interested in community betterment to become paid-up members of the Commission; and that many civic-minded youth organizations have been formed during the past year to avert adverse publicity about youth, including the Lawndale Jr. Achievement teams, the GLCC

Youth Auxiliary, and the North Lawndale Junior Society.

This year's prestige luncheon was hosted by Sears for representatives from several of the big business concerns in Lawndale. Succeeding luncheons will be hosted by other companies so that each business organization interested in GLCC will be involved.

SEARS MAKES PLEDGE

James C. Worthy, speaking as vice president of Sears, pledged to the Commission Sears' contribution of \$25,000 this toward the \$55,000 goal.



Other highlights of the luncheon included an explanation about the Lawndale Redevelopment Corporation by its president, Claude J. Peck. Mr. Peck, in turn, introduced Builder John A. Stastny, who discussed a unique method of financing the housing development planned by the Corporation. The LRC, a subsidiary of the Commission, plans to build 2, 2-1/2, and 3 story town houses in a six-acre Lawndale site. Mr. Stastny has received a commitment from one savings and loan agency for part of the financing.

The 1961 fund drive is under the chairmanship of Eugene Kaczmarek, chairman of the GLCC fund raising and the public relations committees.

JA TO BE FEATURE OF GLCC MEETING

The Lawndale Junior Achievementment presidents will appear on a panel for the next GLCC general meeting, to be held March 7, 8:00 p.m., at Sears YMCA.

Appearing with the JA presidents will be Mr. Claude Peck as moderator. Mr. Peck is the chairman of the JA program in Lawndale.

All parents, youth and interested citizens are especially invited to attend this meeting for a better understanding of Lawndale youth activities.

HEALTH COMMITTEE TO HOST PROGRAM ABOUT CANCER

The GLCC Health Committee will present a program by the American Cancer Society on March 15, 8:00 p.m., at the Sears YMCA.

Featured at the program will be Dr. A. L. Lattimer as speaker, and a film about cancer, "The Other City."

The film pictures a midwestern city (population 75,000) as a ghost town - as though the entire year's preventable cancer deaths were concentrated there.

It shows how cancer cells grow, spread, and kill - emphasizing particularly how delay makes the difference between life and death.

This program is the first of a series of health programs to be presented monthly by the GLCC Health Committee. The programs will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at Sears YMCA.

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS ...

VIVAS CHAIRS PANEL ON "OPEN OCCUPANCY"

School Social Centers Listed



WILLIAM W. BUSCH

It seems fitting to me that both Brotherhood Week (Feb. 19-26) and Negro History Week (Feb. 12-19) occur during the same month.

Many Lawndale organizations are engaging in activities to commemorate Brotherhood Week. And as a prelude to Brotherhood Week, many Lawndalers are paying tribute to Negro History Week.

Some activities which are planned for this busy month are: Displays at the American Boys Commonwealth and Boys' Brotherhood Republic; movies of Africa, Israel, and Puerto Rico at Marcy Center (Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.); a skit by Hess School seventh graders; and a celebration on Feb. 24, 7:30 at Howland School.

This is really the time for all of us to become vitally aware of what Brotherhood means to us and to those around us.

William W. Busch, President

Mrs. Evans Takes

New Position

Mrs. Mahala Evans, president of the GLCC Ladies Auxiliary, has just taken the position of Community Unit Director (Midwest area) for the Chicago Commission on Youth Welfare.

Mrs. Evans had worked with the Cook County Department of Welfare for the past 13 years. Her last position with the welfare department was Supervisor of Vocational Counselors.

As president of the Ladies Auxiliary for the past two years, Mrs. Evans has been very involved with activities of the Commission. She has been a member of the Commission for the past five years, and helped to organize the Hattie Mack Block Club.

She also serves as secretary of "Home Opportunities Made Equal" and is a member of the Iota Phi Lambda sorority.

Julio Vivas, executive director of the Greater Lawndale Conservation Commission, will chair a panel which will discuss "Open Occupancy" and "Freedom of Residence" on February 18.

The meeting, sponsored by the Association of Community Councils, is open to the public. It will be held on the second floor at 123 West Madison St., at 8:00 p.m.

Other panelists will be: Richard Walsh, Chairman, Real Estate Ethical Practice Committee, Organization for the Southwest Community; Representative M. Abner J. Mikva, 23rd Illinois District; The Reverend Canon William S. Van Meter, Executive Secretary, Christian Social Relations, Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

Teen Jobs Is Topic Of Youth Conference

The Lawndale Mobilization for Youth, a coordinating agency for all of the youths in the area, is sponsoring a Youth Conference at Manley School on February 22. Revolving around the theme of "Teenage Employment", youth from the ages of 14 to 18 are invited to attend this conference, to be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the 22nd.

Mr. Hazard Parks, chairman of the Mobilization for Youth, said that 200 young people are expected to attend this conference.

The Mobilization for Youth was organized in 1959 to seek the cooperation of all community groups and citizens for the betterment of youth in North Lawndale.

Meetings are held at least once per month to discuss youth problems and constructive youth activities which are taking place in Lawndale.

For the benefit of Lawndale children, many of the local schools are open during after-school hours with directed recreational programs.

These school social centers provide the opportunity for children to use wisely their leisure time.

Teachers, provided by the Board of Education, direct children in the gymnasium, craft classes, and dancing classes.

Equipment, such as table games (checkers and monopoly) and table tennis is also furnished.

Programs are available both to elementary students and to high school students and adults. The only requirement is that all participants must register for these programs at the school of their choice.

School social centers in Lawndale are:

- Bryant School, 1355 S. Kedvale Ave.
 - Farragut High School, 2345 So. Christiana Ave.
 - Gregory School, 3715 W. Polk
 - Harrison High School, 2850 W. 24th Street
 - Herzl School, 3711 W. Douglas
 - Hess School, 3590 W. Douglas
 - Howland School, 1616 South Spaulding Ave.
 - Shepard School, 2839 W. Fillmore Ave.
 - Summer School, 715 S. Kildare
- Parents who are interested in helping with these programs on a volunteer basis are encouraged to contact the school with which they wish to work.

**GET YOUR
POLIO SHOTS
NOW!**

CONTEST WINNERS



Since there wasn't room in the last News Notes, we thought you would be interested in seeing the list of the winners of the Holiday Lighting Contest. They are: Mrs. Mahala Evans, presenting citation, Esther O'Keefe (Our Lady of Sorrows Church), Winifred Bennett, Mrs. Gene Walker, P. S. Francisco, Mrs. Georgia Day & Timothy Vernon.

So You're Buying A Home

By MARK J. SATTER

Paying too much for something we buy "on time" hurts us in more ways than one. The consequence of judgement or garnishment against us continues as a bad mark against our credit for many years. Bad credit does not mean that we cannot buy. It simply means that we pay double for the things we buy.

Can it ever be worth, as a price for the watch around the wrist, that for the next five or ten years every single item we buy has been doubled in price? Yet this happens each time that we make a purchase and then fail to keep up with our payments.

The difference between good credit and bad credit is the difference between living with ease on our regular salary, and being forever desperately in debt, with attendant added garnishment, bankruptcy and job loss costs added on.

One of the typical traps that the home purchasers fall into in our neighborhood has to do with the purchase of "income property."

Suppose, for example, we buy a two-flat, undertaking to make payments every month of \$150 or even more. First, we must understand that the most we can

hope to get from the entire building as rent is \$200, and that the cost of heat, tax, insurance, and customary items in operating a property are about \$90 each month, we find that we have but \$110 with which to pay the \$150 bill each month.

To keep up our payments on such a purchase, we must reduce our standard of living by at least \$10 each week. Not only do we risk the loss of our entire investment during each single month, that we must make the payment, should we fail but even if we do succeed in making our monthly payments, we do so at the price of driving ourselves out of the good credit market and into the poor or expensive credit field.

We must take care, therefore, not to become so involved that a single purchase, be it of car, or of house, or of wrist watch, can change for the worse our entire way of life.



BOUNDARIES CHANGED IN GREGORY DISTRICT

Gregory School, 3715 W. Polk, avoided triple shift sessions by a change in boundaries.

The action by the Board of Education means that 350 Gregory students were transferred to Herzl & Hess schools on Jan. 30. James King, Pres. of the Gregory District Block Club Comm., estimated that 3,650 students are still on double shift sessions at Gregory. He said, however, that his committee appreciated the action taken by the Board of Educ.

The boundary change affects students in the area bounded by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, Roosevelt Road, Independence Blvd., and Central Park Avenue.

All pupils in this area in kindergarten through sixth grade were transferred to Herzl School, 3711 W. Douglas, while the seventh and eighth grade students now attend Hess upper grade center, 3500 W. Douglas.

Supt. of Schools Benjamin C. Willis said that "Gregory would be forced on triple shift if the enrollment load there wasn't eased.

This is the second boundary change in the Gregory school area since November. Mr. King said the Gregory District Block Club Committee is working to reduce the attendance even more.

Supt. Willis said that Herzl was "only partially on double shift" and Hess had "space available."

CALENDAR

FEB. 12-19 - Negro History Week

FEB. 29-26 - Brotherhood Week

FEB. 28 - GLCC Board of Directors Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Sears YMCA

FEB. 28 - Steering Committee of Block Clubs, 8:00 p.m., Sears YMCA

MAR. 7 - GLCC General Meeting About Junior Achievement, 8:00 p.m., Sears YMCA

MAR. 8 - GLCC Health Committee 10:30 a.m., GLCC office

MAR. 10 - Schools Committee Meeting, 3:30-5:00 and 8:00-9:30 p.m., Sears YMCA

MAR. 14 - GLCC Executive Committee Meeting, 11:45 a.m., Sears YMCA

MAR. 14 - Steering Committee of Block Clubs, 8:00 p.m., Sears YMCA

MAR. 15 - GLCC Open Meeting About Cancer, 8:00 p.m., Sears YMCA



Representatives of Progress Company and Semko Ashby Electrical Co., two of the six Lawndale Junior Achievement teams, exhibit their products at the JA Trade Fair on Feb. 9. Two other Lawndale teams presented their wares at the Fair - Standard Manufacturing and Products Anonymous. Those pictured above are: Richard Hooper (Semko Ashby), Theodo Adams, Gloria Banks, and Lucille Scott (all with Progress Company).

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-- NEWS EVENTS IN LAWNDALE --

BLOCK CLUB EVENTS

The Trumbull Avenue Improvement Club has established this theme for 1961: "Building A People." The group plans to carry out this theme by engaging in constructive block club activities. Mr. I. Copeland and Mrs. Eva Brown were recently elected as officers of the club. Installation to be held this month. A Founder's Day meeting will take place in March.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Spring Festival of the Franklin Park Drama Department will be the first program to be presented in the new Hughes School. The festival will take place on February 22, at 8:00 p.m., in the Hughes Auditorium.

Marcy Center will present a special Brotherhood program on February 19 at 4:00 p.m., (1539 S. Springfield). Open to the public, the program will feature guests from various countries along with portrayals of customs from the represented countries by the Center's members.

The annual meeting of the Chicago Youth Centers will be held on February 23, 1961 at noon at the Standard Club. Four of the sponsors are from the Lawndale area: American Boys' Commonwealth, Boys Brotherhood Republic, Lawndale Neighborhood Services, and Ogden Courts Center. Further information may be obtained from the local branches.



Mrs. Juliette S. Buford, GLCC Director of Community Organization, with her husband John P. Buford, Jr., as they appeared at the inaugural Bell, on January 20th.

The Douglas Park Field House has club room space available to community groups at no charge. Classes in hatmaking and dress-making (Tues. and Thurs., 7 to 10 p.m.), wood craft, such as making cabinets, boats, hi-fi sets, and speakers (Mon., Wed., and Fri., 2:30 to 10:30

p.m.) are offered free. Students must furnish materials for these classes. Junior Achievement teams and Scout Leaders meet there weekly. Musicals and teas may be held in the Douglas Pk. Hall (contact: Durrell Hunter, LA 1-3244).

The Lawson Playground will feature wrestling and table tennis for boys and crafts and table tennis for girls during the month of February. The boys' teacher is A. L. Turner and the girls' teacher is Miss McCrumby.

Mr. Henry Hardy has just been added to the street worker staff of Chicago Youth Centers. He will be working with youth in the North Lawndale District.

Nearly 25 young people have joined the newly formed social athletic club, the Falcons. The group was organized under the auspices of the Midwest Youth and Community Committee. Their first social night was held on January 28. Their newly organized basketball team is willing to challenge any group interested in basketball competition.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The Manley School Neighborhood Citizens Committee will hold its second parent-education workshop on February 16, 7:30 p.m. at Marrillac House. Experts in the field of child psychology and child welfare will be there.

A jazz festival is being featured at Howland School on February 15, 7:30 p.m. The festival is being sponsored by the Howland School Neighborhood Citizens Committee and will feature the Crane Junior College jazz combo. The festival is open to the public at no charge.

Marcy Center's teen department is sponsoring a benefit for the March of Dimes at their Sweetheart Dance on February 17. Guests at this dance will be members of the North Lawndale Junior Society and the teen teen department of the Center. Music by Odie Payne and his Calypso Royals will be featured.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Nearly 125,000 disabled workers under age 50 and their families are now eligible for social security disability benefits, according to the Social Security Administration. Before recent changes in the law, only those between 50 and 65 could receive disability payments. Disabled workers should contact their local social security office at once. The Near Southwest district office is at 1425 S. Racine, MO 6-9436.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The youth of the Greater Open Door Baptist Church presented a play entitled, "Mr. Nominal Christian", accompanied by a humorous skit, "Your Order Please." These were presented on February 3 as a tribute to Youth Week.

To honor Rev. J. M. Stone's seventh anniversary, the Stone Temple Baptist Church is holding services each night during the week of February 13 to 18. The famous Duncan Air Singers will be featured with the sermon on opening night. Other guest artists will appear on other nights. The public is invited.